

**Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims**

1. (amended) A process for purifying a naphthalenic carboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of 2,6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid and 1,5-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid comprising contacting an impure naphthalenic acid and a purification solvent selected from the group consisting of water or mixtures of acetic acid and water in the presence of hydrogen with a catalyst comprising a Group VIII noble metal selected from the group consisting of palladium, platinum, and ruthenium at a purification temperature of from about 520 to 575 °F.